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Docket No: J-2961A

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53

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Inventor(s):		Bryan L. Ackerman, John S. Trent, William E. LeBoeuf, Virginia D. Karul and Kent B. McReynolds						
Title:		PROC	ESSING SUBSTRATE AND/OR SUPPORT SURFACE					
1.	Туре	of Applic	cation					
		This is	a new application for a					
			utility patent.					
			design patent.					
☑ This is a continuation		This is	a continuation-in-part application of prior application no. 09/677,663					
2. Application P		ation Pa	apers Enclosed					
		1	Title Page					
		25	Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract, Drawings & Sequence Listing)					
9		9	Page(s) of Claims					
	1		Page(s) of Abstract					
		7	Sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs. 1A to 9)					
			☐ Formal					
			⊠ Informal					
			Page(s) of Sequence Listing					

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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					behalf	of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached
						The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the
						statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 are enclosed.
						See Item 5D below for fee.
		⊠				ersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this f the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.
4.	Small	Entity \$	Status			
		Applic	ant claim	s small	entity sta	atus. See 37 CFR 1.27.
			A smal	l entity s	statemer	nt is (are) attached.
5.	Addit	ional Pa	pers End	closed		
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6.	Priority A	Applications (Jnder 35	USC 119	

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

	are	attached.

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7. Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

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A. 🗵 Utility Application

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)								
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BASIC FEE				\$370.00		\$740.00		
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	Design Application (\$165.00/\$330.00)	Filing Fee:	\$	
	Plant Application (\$255.00/\$510.00)	Filing Fee:	\$	
Other	r Fees			
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